

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.  
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☐ - a Replacement Sheet for Figure      of the drawings
- ☐ - a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- ☐ - a terminal disclaimer
- ☐ - a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
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- ☐ - a verified English translation of foreign priority document

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The apparatus includes a box shaped body and a clamping member, movably supported between first and second operative positions to lock and respectively release a work piece. A linear detecting device generates a set of control signals for a control unit, during the movement between the operative positions of the clamping arm. The detecting device includes a first and a second sensor and indexing elements in the form of a comb-shaped member having spaced apart teeth to sequentially activate the sensors and provide the set of control signals during the movement of the clamping member.